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June is right around the corner and the Queer Black Cinema Very Important Volunteer (VIV) Team is gearing up for the **3rd Annual QBC Visions Pride Benefit**. To help raise funds for QBC yearly programming and QBC Int'l Film & Music Festival 2008, QBC Visions brings the best of New York's LGBT and LGBT-friendly music artists and the hottest films around. Last year the benefit took place at Luke & Leroy's, formally known as Crazy Nannies. Performances included Steph, the Sapphic Soul Songstress; R&B Twist/Columbia artist, Jesse O; R&B sensation, Tangere; Siya, the Lesbian Rapper and Shorty Roc, rap artist who recently premiered on In the Life TV series.

This year the benefit is "sexifying" it up! The theme is "Night of Soul". Join us **JUNE 17th** at **Billie's Black**, Harlem's Gourmet Soul Food Restaurant and Lounge, for an intimate night of great singing and good food. The benefit is hosted by **Def Jam poet and singing sensation, Buttafly Soul**. This year headliner is the hot, sexy and extremely talented- **Nhojj**. Get ready



for a night of unforgettable soul music that will make you feel good all over. This is a night to bring your partner, love one or even meet your new love at the benefit. Love and soul is in the air SO GET READY! **Tyran** featured on the **N:X** and **Steph, the Sapphic Songstress**, will warm up the stage for **Nhojj**. Get there early, the opening act is not to be missed! Check out the **QBC Visions Pride Benefit** video promo this **Thursday, May 23, 2008** on www.QBCTVonline.queerblackcinema.org. Check out the highlights from last year's benefit and what is to come this year. Benefit tickets are available Thursday, May 23rd for \$20 online and \$25 at the door. Space is very limited so purchase your tickets online for guaranteed entrance. For group rates contact



info@queerblackcinema.org. Sponsorship is also available for great rates. Use QBC to advertise your pride events/organization for a great cause. Deadline for sponsorship is May 31st. Check out QBC premiere radio interview with founder, Angel L. Brown, on OutFM.org (WBAI 99.5 FM) talking about some of QBC's programming - <http://outfm.org>



This year marks the 20th anniversary of Newfest, New York's LGBT Film Festival. Join Queer Black Cinema as we co – present the African-American Images Film Showcase in this year's film festival. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW SYNOPSIS, SCHEDULE & TICKETS](#)

Being Proud Black LGBT in America

Monalisa McCombs, USA, 2007, video, 49 min

Dreams Deferred: The Sakia Gunn Film Project

Charles B Brack, USA, 2008, video, 55 min, World Premiere

(Premiered at Queer Black Cinema in November 2007) **Don't Go**

Directed by Amber Sharp
USA, 2007, video, 51 min

U People

Directed by Hanifah Walidah Olive Demetrius
USA, 2007, video, 76 min, NYC Premiere

Ebony Chunky Love: Bitch Can't Get a Date!

Directed by Lonnie Tristan Renteria
USA, 2007, 75 mins, Video

Happy Birthday

Directed by Roberta Munroe
USA, Canada, 2008, Video, 15 mins

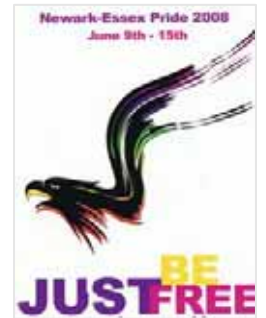
Also join QBC founder and programmer, Angel L. Brown, as she moderates Newfest's Filmmakers Forum: **Images of African Americans Queerness.** The

FILMMAKERS FORUM

Forum takes place on **Sunday, June 15th at 2:30 PM** in the Festival Lounge @ HK Lounge (405 W 39th St.) The panel includes notable figures in the African-American media making community. Media makers come together to discuss what exactly has changed over the years when it comes to queer black representation in movies and where things are

heading in the near future. **Purchase \$8 tickets online now** at <http://newfest.org>. Don't wait, this will be a sold out event.

Get ready to celebrate pride with **Newark-Essex Pride!** For the 3rd year in a row, Queer Black Cinema is set to present films at Newark's newest pride celebration. Every year, Newark-Essex Pride brings you a week full of great programming across the board from health awareness, parties, lectures, performances, films and town hall meetings that enlighten, educate and entertain you. Join QBC on June 11th at 8 PM at the Gallery Aferro as we honor the life of Sakia Gunn with a special screening presentation of **Dreamed Deferred: The Sakia Gunn Project** by **Chas B. Brack**. The screening will open with **Never Forget**, a special video presentation, and the award-winning film, **Pariah**, by **Dee Rees**. The screening will be followed by **QBC ReelTALK** with filmmaker, Chas B. Brack, hosted by [QBC TV](#). For more information on Newark-Essex Pride events, go to: <http://www.newarkessexpride.org/>



Our Stories Productions, LLC (OSP), the founding producers of Queer Black Cinema, is teaming up with **Lesbian411.info** to produce commercials to promote **Lesbian411's** new resource site for lesbian happenings. The site will premiere September 1st just in time for Atlanta Black Pride. Commercials are scheduled to air on a local cable channel near you. Become a member

of Lesbian 411 and receive updates at lesbian411.info. OSP is looking for the "it" woman to be featured in the commercial. The video shoot will take place in NYC. Check out ospfilms.com **casting board** for details or email info@ospfilms.com Subject: Casting for more information.

Join QBC as we welcome **AKEHSAM ARTS** to the QBC VIV Team. Their professional photography and graphics will assure the continuation of stronger marketing and archiving of QBC programming. If you have a talent and/or a company that would like to offer their services, reach out to us at info@queerblackcinema.org. We are always looking to collaborate with new and established artists to help build up QBC.

QBC UPDATES:



On May 17, 2008 QBC Film Series presented QBC Classics: Brunch & a Movie. QBC screened **Seen But Not Heard** trailer about Black Women and HIV/AIDS by Cyrille

Phipps, who participated in **QBC ReelTALK**. Following the trailer we screened featured film, **Tongues Untied**, by Marlon Riggs. In 1994, Marlon Riggs died of AIDS. This legendary filmmaker and poet left behind ground-breaking films that still relate to current events and politics happening today. **Tongues Untied** is now available on DVD for purchase at Frameline.org.

Queer Media & Entertainment Conference (Q-ME Con) Women's Summit



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LtoR Logo/Ex's & Ohs- Heather | Showtime/L Word Director – Rose Troche | QBC director Angel

OUT ON iTunes/DVD

Check out the following Black LGBT-themed films available to purchase. Subscribe to [QBC yahoo group](#) to find out where to purchase more Black LGBT-themed films. Join Today!gbcfilmseries-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



TITLE: Desperate For Love
Available on DVD
<http://www.ospfilms.com>
[Myspace.com/desperateforlovetheseries](http://myspace.com/desperateforlovetheseries)



TITLE: Lovers & Friends
Available on DVD
www.loversnfriends.com
[Myspace.com/LoversNFriendsShow](http://myspace.com/LoversNFriendsShow)



TITLE: Dani & Alice
Available on iTunes
[CLICK HERE](#)



TITLE: Pariah
Available on iTunes
www.pariahthemovie.com/

NEW MUSIC



TITLE: Soul Comfort
Available at:
nhojj.com
myspace.com/nhojj



TITLE: Celebrity
Available at:
artistbaron.com
myspace.com/baronartist



TITLE: Breed Love
Available at:
myspace.com/tyrang



TITLE: Fulfillment
Available at:
SapphicSoul.com
myspace.com/sapphicsongstress

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Queer Black Cinema International Film & Music Festival

October 23 – 26, 2008 (www.festival.queerblackcinema.org)

CALL FOR FILMS FINAL DEADLINE JULY 1, 2008 **MUST BE RECEIVED BY DUE DATE**

***Starting Sunday, May 25th and every Sunday after, QBC will be sending out weekly updates on QBC Visions Pride Benefit and other QBC weekly news. We will also continue with our monthly newsletter full of pictures, news and QBC happenings. JOIN gbcfilmseries-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and add to your safe list. Individuals e-mail WILL NOT go out anymore. **In order to receive QBC news you MUST sign up to QBC's yahoo group.** Thanks for your cooperation. **Don't miss out on great happenings and events that QBC is apart of including Black LGBT-films,music plus discounts and special offers. Subscribe TODAY!**

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